



Third Maryland Streams Symposium and Mid-Atlantic Volunteer Monitoring Conference



CALL FOR PAPERS

**August 10–13, 2011
Carroll Community College
Westminster, Maryland**

Important Dates:

Deadline for Abstracts (talks and posters) – July 15, 2011

Deadline for submission of oral presentations (Power Point file) – July 29, 2011

You're invited to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation at the **Third Maryland Streams Symposium (August 10–13) and Mid-Atlantic Volunteer Monitoring Conference (August 11, 12)**, at Carroll Community College (www.carrollcc.edu/) in Westminster, Maryland. Co-sponsors with Maryland DNR are the US Environmental Protection Agency, Carroll Community College and the Maryland Water Monitoring Council. The event promises to be an exciting four days of informative presentations, hands-on lab experiences, and instructive field trips with a focus on stream assessment, volunteer monitoring, restoration, protection, education, and management. All are welcome to participate in what promises to be a timely and valuable gathering.

Each day there will be series of concurrent sessions with oral presentations, workshops, and discussion groups. Since a limited number of time slots will be available for oral presentations, authors are encouraged to present posters as an alternative. Volunteer monitors and those managing volunteer monitoring programs are encouraged to present on August 11th and 12th. A schedule of Symposium sessions (DRAFT) and registration instructions can be found at www.A.org.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts for oral or poster presentations must fit on a single page (**single spaced; 12 point Times New Roman; 1" margins**) and include the following elements: name, mailing address, daytime phone and email of corresponding/presenting author; and names and affiliations of all other authors. Abstracts should not have paragraphs, tables, graphs or images. Indicate if you wish to give an oral or poster presentation and if you're willing to present a poster if all oral presentation slots are full. Please note: abstracts will only be accepted in Microsoft Word by email to Dan Boward (dboward@dnr.state.md.us). Also, please include a brief (3-4 sentences) bio to be printed with your abstract and used by your session moderator to introduce you.

Preference will be given to oral and poster presentations given during the Streams Symposium that are data rich and focus on the science of stream ecology, monitoring, assessment, restoration, and protection. Accepted abstracts will be compiled into a conference program to be posted on the DNR website. Abstracts must be received by **July 15, 2011**. Notification of abstract acceptance and presentation format will be sent to all submitting authors by **July 22, 2011**.

PRESENTATION FORMAT

Oral Presentations: During the oral presentation sessions, presenters will be limited to 20 minutes including time for questions. Session moderators will ensure that talks start and finish on time. All presentations should be in Microsoft Power Point format (compatible with Microsoft Power Point 2007 or earlier and must be received by **July 29, 2011** via email (only files under 5MB, please). Please email Power Point files to Luke Roberson (lroberson@dnr.state.md.us), or use www.yousendit.com.

Presentations will be pre-loaded on the College's computers and may not be edited after their submission. No presentations will be accepted during the Symposium. For more information on abstract submission or presentations contact Luke Roberson (410-260-8610 or lroberson@dnr.state.md.us).

Please indicate, in your abstract submission email, which day (August 10, 11, or 12) you prefer for your oral presentation. If not specified, the conference organizers will assign a presentation date.

Posters: Posters are an excellent medium for detailed and extended discussion of your research and allow for complex charts, graphs, tables, or photographs that are difficult to communicate effectively in an oral presentation. Poster presentation guidelines:

- Maximum poster size is 3' X 5'
- Posters will be hung across two self-supporting vertical wooden posts (6' high) or, if mounted on a stiff backing, they can be suspended from wires along the wall.
- No rigid backing will be provided.
- Push pins will be provided.

Display Tables: Carroll Community College is providing us with about 30 display tables (2.5' X 5') to be used for exhibits, vendors, etc. These will be available at no charge (except vendor tables) on a first come-first served basis by contacting Dan Boward (see below).

If you have questions about this Call for Papers and Poster, please contact Dan Boward at 410.260.8605 or dboward@dnr.state.md.us.